





## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We had an enjoyable talk with Dr. John Kimmey one day recently. Dr. John was in a talkative mood and when he does take time to talk, listeners always hear some good stuff. This particular time he was going way back ... like to 1910 and his memories of personally seeing Haley's Comet. It happened when he, his mother and Aunt Ella were walking from a cafe located near the county jail late one night. The good doctor was a little boy, had fallen asleep while the women talked, but was shaken awake to walk home. He remembers someone telling him to look up and explaining that he was seeing Haley's Comet. If you have a bit of spare time and want some interesting conversation ... give Doc a call and then go by his home for some stimulating memories.

The Elba Water & Electric Board did a good thing this week. They voted to establish a reserve fund to finance repairs following any disaster. There once was a time of these disaster reserve funds in the utility department, but it got eaten away when money was a little short with first, a \$50,000 boom truck, then this and that until the fund was forgotten and now it is a start over time and plain good business. Elba folks sure know all about disasters ... floods, ice storms, tornados, hurricanes. You name it and we have experienced most of it. The \$120,000 savings fund they plan to build over a period of years ain't much when you consider the multimillion dollar electric and water system Elba has, and there exposed to the elements. Hurricane Opal wasn't a major disaster, relatively speaking, but the direct cost to the utility department approached \$200,000. A bad ice storm this week could easily have caused even more damage than the hurricane did.

Representative Garrett Moore said last week something we have been saying for some time. Discussing the tort reform session of the legislature which was to get underway in a few days (last Monday now), he noted that, "The jury is the key. We must have responsible citizens willing to serve." Personally, in this corner the lawyers don't get all the credit for the high damage awards. If there is any blame or credit, it should be on us, "the jury of peers." The Coffee County Representative was also concerned with a section which set punitive damage limits based to a person's net worth. He predicted this formula, "... would lead to more lawsuits, which would be more jobs for the lawyers and more expenses for the clients." As he indicated in that statement, the problem there would be in deciding a person's net worth ... your house or business may appraise for a certain dollar amount, but it is really only worth what someone else is willing to pay you cash money for it at that particular time ... kinda old fashioned, but it is fact.

It may seem we are coming down on the side of the trial lawyers and their current gold mine. We ain't. However, they are not the big bad wolf as they are currently being portrayed. We, the people, must share the burden for this problem. There needs to be a balance between being responsible for your actions and inactions, and ripping off those with deep pockets (lot of money), but folks, the Rob-in Hood theory of taking from the rich to pay the poor is often a false security. It only enriches a few and burdens many.

One day this week we walked in on a harried computer operator. This individual instantly got a lot of sympathy from someone who has been there also. One day recently, we had a trusty Mac which wouldn't talk back or even acknowledge someone was punching the keyboard. There were things on that machine the paper needed badly. It was a holiday and there was no one to call, therefore hours were spent with books and "try this, try that" ideas. After about four hours of anguish, swapping keyboard wires, etc., another hour was spent reinstalling the operating system and everything was back to normal. That is, except an exhausted publisher needing special forgiveness for some bad thoughts during the trying morning.

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## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of January 2, 1996 through January 8, 1996.

They were: Joe Patterson, Lee Edwards, Doug Pulliam, Zadie Johnson, Eva Ammons, Alonzo Cole, Keith Parker, Buton Bryant, James Capps, Damian Hudson, Sonnie Holland, Stacy Johnson, Rex Donaldson, Bonnie Johnson, Betty Driggers, Willie McClain, Annice Campbell, Bertha Harmon, Chastity Smith, Madie Kelley, Bertha Osborne, and Teresa Brunson.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Lamar Killingsworth, Woodrow Devane, Betty Burks, Takus Marshall, Sonnie Holland, Emma Watson, Mary Kidd, Bertha Harmon, Eva Easters, Susan Sipper, Lance Rushing, Gladys Brooks, Marilyn Burd, Mavis Leger, John Moore, Alondria Sams, Eva Ammons, Mia Taylor, Rena Nicholson, Joe Patterson, Lee Edwards, Zadie Johnson, Nell Havison, and Doug Pulliam.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

JAN. 2, 1996 Thru JAN. 8, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, January 2, 1995, investigated the following incidents: three assaults, two criminal mischiefs, two thefts of property, one attempted burglary, two harassments, one burglary, and one interference with custody.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: two for assault, one for criminal mischief, one for criminal trespass, five for harassment, and one for interference with custody.

The lone traffic citation issued during the week was for reckless driving.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2** - Disturbance at the Riviera Motel (3:50 a.m.); River stage - 12.70 feet (6:30 a.m.); Disturbance at a residence near Hammonds Funeral Home (6:44 a.m.); Possible burglary at church on Collier St. (5:08 p.m.); Alarm at Weeks Tire Co. (9:30 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3** - Alarm at The Jewel Box (12:41 a.m.); River stage - 10.52 feet (6:46 a.m.); Disturbance at SouthTrust Bank (12:32 p.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) reported on Jackson St. (8:23 p.m.); Burglary reported at residence on Jackson St. (9:49 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4** - Rescue run to a residence on Troy Rd. (2:03 a.m.); River stage - 9.81 feet (7:08 a.m.); Wreck reported on Old Samson Rd. (4:23 p.m.); Robbery reported in Morrow Village (7:48 p.m.); Rescue run to Morrow Village (7:50 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5** - River stage - 9.08 feet (6:35 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (7:01 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Ann St. (11:29 a.m.); Alarm at The Jewel Box (5:56 p.m.).

### MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2223. Corrections will appear promptly in this space.

### Bulletin Board

SS. REP. - Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-773-2213  
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ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays 6:15 p.m. City Hall  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon 5:15 p.m. City Hall (after City Council meeting)  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. Supp. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. Rescue Squad Building  
MASSONIC LODGE 178 - 1st Mon - 7 p.m. - 2nd Mon - 7 p.m. - 3rd Mon - 7 p.m. - 4th Mon - 7 p.m. - 5th Mon - 7 p.m. - 6th Mon - 7 p.m. - 7th Mon - 7 p.m. - 8th Mon - 7 p.m. - 9th Mon - 7 p.m. - 10th Mon - 7 p.m. - 11th Mon - 7 p.m. - 12th Mon - 7 p.m. - 13th Mon - 7 p.m. - 14th Mon - 7 p.m. - 15th Mon - 7 p.m. - 16th Mon - 7 p.m. - 17th Mon - 7 p.m. - 18th Mon - 7 p.m. - 19th Mon - 7 p.m. - 20th Mon - 7 p.m. - 21st Mon - 7 p.m. - 22nd Mon - 7 p.m. - 23rd Mon - 7 p.m. - 24th Mon - 7 p.m. - 25th Mon - 7 p.m. - 26th Mon - 7 p.m. - 27th Mon - 7 p.m. - 28th Mon - 7 p.m. - 29th Mon - 7 p.m. - 30th Mon - 7 p.m. - 31st Mon - 7 p.m. - 1st Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 2nd Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 5th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 6th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 7th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 8th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 9th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 10th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 11th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 12th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 13th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 14th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 15th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 16th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 17th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - 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## Social Notes

### Averett-Nicholson wedding to be held Saturday, February 17th



Mr. Nicholson &amp; Miss Averett

Mrs. Clara B. Averett of Enterprise announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Debra Ann Averett, to James Richard Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Nicholson of Elba.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late James Dolan Averett. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ray Byrd of New Brockton, Mrs. Evie B. Averett and the late H.G. Averett of Enterprise.

Miss Averett is a 1972 graduate of Elba High School. She is employed by the United States Department of Agriculture/Farm Service Agency as a program assistant.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. S.R. McCollough of Elba, and the late Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Nicholson Sr. of Waucho, Florida.

Mr. Nicholson is a 1973 graduate of Elba High School. He is self-employed as a farmer.

The wedding will take place at 6:00 p.m. on February 17, 1996 at Calvary Baptist Church, Highway 51 North, Enterprise, Alabama.

A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

### Miss Jones and Mr. Bowden to be united in marriage February 17th



Mr. Bowden &amp; Miss Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben D. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bowden of Elba would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Melissa Lynn Jones and Robert Theodore Bowden.

Melissa is a 1993 graduate of Zion Chapel High School. She is presently employed by National Security Insurance Company, Bobby is a 1988 graduate of Elba High School and attended Troy State University. He is presently employed by Dorsey Trailers.

The ceremony will take place on Saturday, February 17, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church in Elba with a reception immediately following. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



### Teel-Nicholson wedding held January 6th

Kendra Michele Nicholson of Raleigh, NC and Graham Gregory Teel of Raleigh, NC were united in marriage at First Baptist Church, Lumberton, NC, at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 6, 1996. Dr. Russell T. Cherry officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James David Nicholson of Lumberton, NC. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Woodrow Suggs, Sara McLean Nicholson, and the late Joseph Cannon Nicholson, all of Lumberton, NC.

She graduated from Lumberton Senior High School in 1988 and from East Carolina University in 1992. She is employed by North Carolina Department of Revenue of Raleigh, NC.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Everett Davis of Lumberton, NC and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Ray Teel of Vancouver, WA. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Bowdoin of Lumberton, NC and the late Mr. and Mrs. Van Buren Teel of Moore, AL.

He graduated from Lumberton Senior High School in 1988 and from East Carolina University in 1993. He is employed by Revco of Raleigh, NC.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The maid of honor was Myra Nicholson of Lumberton, NC. Bridesmaids were Gina Cockrell of Panama City, FL, Connie Humphrey of Cary, NC, Elaine Musselwhite of Lumberton, NC, Jayne Teel of Raleigh, NC, Mary Tripp of Cary, NC, and Kimberly White of Elizabethton, NC.

The best men were Foy Bowdoin of Lumberton, NC, grandfather of the bridegroom, and Shan Teel, brother of the bridegroom, of Raleigh, NC. Ushers were Jay Humphrey, Kenny Musselwhite, Dwayne Smith, and Kevin Stone, all of Lumberton, NC, and Kevin Smith of Wilmington, NC.

Other members of the wedding party were: Katie Cockrell of Panama City, FL, flower girl; Jordan Musselwhite of Lumberton, NC, ringbearer; Zolene Reinsner, organist; Laura Britt, soloist; Robert Romine, trumpet; and Terry Levine, director.

The reception was held at the Cherry Fellowship Hall, and it was hosted by the bride's parents. The rehearsal dinner was held January 5, 1996 at the Kananda Inn, and it was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Shan Teel.

After a wedding trip on a Bahama cruise, the couple will reside in Raleigh, NC.



Mrs. Graham Gregory Teel

### Elba Study Club holds December meeting

The Elba Study Club met in December with Barbara Hudson. Her home was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Festive refreshments

were served to all the members plus a guest, Dixie Dorsey. Marissa Warren, wife of the Minister of Music at Bethany Baptist Church, added to the festivities by playing a variety of Christmas hymns and carols on the piano.

The club placed the traditional poinsettia in the nursing home.

January's meeting brought an interesting program when Dee Forring of the Quilters Cottage, along with assistant Karen Keever, displayed and demonstrated a large variety of quilts and the new tools and accessories available now that were unheard of a few years ago. It certainly made the members want to start sewing quilts again. The programs were enjoyed by all attending.

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### Coffee County Arts Alliance to present Chanticleer January 26th in Enterprise

A singing group named for a rooster promises surprises. Expect plenty when Chanticleer sings at the Enterprise High School Auditorium on January 26th.

Chanticleer, the only full-time classical vocal ensemble in the U.S., has developed a remarkable reputation over its 18-year history for its interpretation of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz, and from Gregorian chant to the contemporary. With its seamless blend of male voices ranging from countertenor to bass, Chanticleer has earned international renown as "an orchestra of voices."

Organized in San Francisco by Louis Botta, a musician who decided it was time to get out of the library, the group has expanded their popular Bay Area performance series to become the nation's only full-time professional a cappella chorus. Currently, Chanticleer sings concerts around the globe and has worldwide distribution of five CDs on the Teldec Classics label.

The great choral conductor Robert Shaw gave the group an early boost when he called a performance "one of the most beautiful musical experiences of my life."

The ensemble is named after the "clear-singing" rooster in Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, and Chanticleer projects a purity and clarity of voice that would do 16th century composer Palestrina proud. Performing without instrumental accompaniment, Chanticleer includes five countertenors who sing the soprano and alto parts. Make it simple, they demanded; make it lovely and, above all, keep it true. The unadorned vocal quality projected by Chanticleer follows these suggestions to a T.

Chanticleer - Enterprise High School Auditorium, Friday, January 26th, 7:30 p.m.; Advance tickets \$14, students \$10; Ticket Outlets: Westgate Book and Gift (347-4422), Plain 'N Fancy (347-4438), and The Framery (347-7800) Enterprise, and Jewel Box (897-2296), Elba, and JTT Office, FL Rucker. The concert

is presented by the Coffee County Arts Alliance.

The Coffee County Arts Alliance's next performance will be March 30th when "The State Theatre of Georgia on Tour brings *Blue Plate Special* to the Elba High School Auditorium. This "southern comedy soap opera" includes mystery and original country, blues, rockabilly, and gospel tunes.

The best men were Foy Bowdoin of Lumberton, NC, grandfather of the bridegroom, and Shan Teel, brother of the bridegroom, of Raleigh, NC. Ushers were Jay Humphrey, Kenny Musselwhite, Dwayne Smith, and Kevin Stone, all of Lumberton, NC, and Kevin Smith of Wilmington, NC.

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### Magnolia Home & Garden Club meets January 4th

On January 4 the Magnolia Home and Garden Club met at the home of Ann Miles. Lurline Martin was co-hostess. Thirteen members and one guest enjoyed a delightful plate of goodies and coffee.

Erma Warr, program chairman, introduced Dr. Bill Cowart, the club's guest. Dr. Cowart was most informative. The Swine Lab in Elba does a tremendous job in this part of the state, thanks to Dr. Cowart and staff.

Addieleen Newman, president, presided over a business meeting after the program.

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David found that trials can strengthen (like fire tempers steel) our lives. This becomes a reality when we draw closer to God in times of testing. God allows such testing to show us ourselves and also to demonstrate His faithfulness to us in being to us all we need in "fiery" times. God allows our faith to be tested so that our faith can be trusted.

To capitalize on trials we must cling to the Cross. Let us cling to the Cross in the days ahead so that when the trials do come we will have confidence when He "knows our soul in adversities."

### Mission Retreat planned at Camp Victory Feb. 2-4

A Missions Retreat for students and singles at Camp Victory will be held February 2-4, 1996. The retreat begins with supper on Friday night at 7:00 and ends after breakfast on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. To register please call Camp Victory at (334) 898-7948. The cost will be \$20.00.



Charles Edward Shields

### Shields receives Bachelor of Arts in Theology degree

Charles Edward Shields received a Bachelor of Arts in Theology degree (Summa Cum Laude) from Florida Baptist Theological College, Graceville, Florida, President Thomas A. Kinchen bestowed 37 degrees during commencement services held on Friday, December 15, 1995.

Shields is serving as pastor of New Haven Baptist Church in Elba, Alabama. He plans to continue his education at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tennessee.

### Mustard Seed Foundation News

The Senior Citizens held their first weekly meeting in 1996 with six present. The seniors were entertained by playing games and by having fellowship. The members present at the meeting were Mary Seavey, Harper, Frank, and Lennie McCollough, and Zealon and Evelyn Smith.

Many of the members were missing due to sickness, and the other members are hoping that they will soon be back at the meeting.

The seniors which meet at the Mustard Seed Foundation would like to invite other seniors who live nearby to come and join their fellowship.

The foundation is located on Coffee County Road #211. For more information call 347-4630 or 897-6647.

### Mary Palo named Director of American Lung Association

Mary A. Palo of Enterprise has been named Director of the American Lung Association of Alabama. She began her duties at the organization's office in Dothan on January 2.

Most recently, Mary Palo held the position of case worker with the American Red Cross at Fort Rucker. In the past, she owned an interior design business in Enterprise and served as area manager of the Wiregrass United Way.

She has worked extensively as a volunteer in the Enterprise area and was instrumental in the establishment of the city's Hospice program.

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

THE ELBA MINISTERS ASSOCIATION MEETS EACH WED. AT 11:45

HOPE OF TRUTH - WELB 12:30 AM - 12:45 PM - Sun. Rev. James Rodgers

Non Devotion Welb Monday the 9th 11:45 - 12:25 pm - Bill Beck

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Rev John W. McCrummen

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Serv. .... 6:30 p.m.

BAYN BAPTIST CHURCH - Johnny Pedalino

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Serv. .... 6:30 p.m.

FLY SPRINGS BAPTIST - Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Serv. .... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH - Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship ..... 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - E. H. Hill

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 12:00 noon

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. J. E. Parnes

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

Training Union ..... 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Serv. .... 7:00 p.m.

Even. Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.

RAY & GAY - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST - Bill Beck, MINISTER

Bible Study ..... 9:00 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD Lamar Dean

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Serv. .... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J. E. Wesley

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Reed

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

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ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.

Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Night School ..... 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Al Moore

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

Mem. Worship ..... 10:50 a.m.

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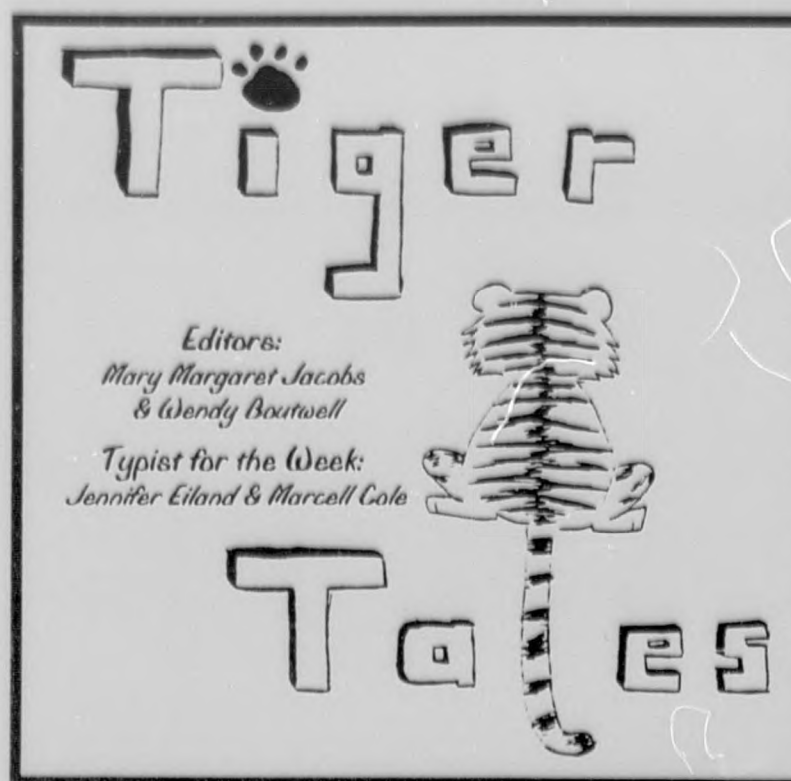
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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above are: (front, l to r) Amanda Campbell and Leigh Kelley; (back, l to r) Marsha Mauldin and Kristin Dubois.

**Kristin Dubois** is the daughter of Kaye Cole and Chris Dubois. Her hobby is water skiing. She is a member of St. Rita, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, and Elba First Baptist Church. The thing she likes most about EHS is lunch.

**Amanda Campbell** is the daughter of Roy and Marcy Childs. Her hobby is hanging out with friends. She is a member of FFA, FFA, Spanish, and F-Club. She attends Mu Alpha Theta. Her most embarrassing moment was when she acted as school mascot (Elbie) and her head fell off at the Elba Luverne Football game.

**Leigh Kelley** is the daughter of Durward and Wanda Kelley. Her hobbies include softball, volleyball, and talking on the phone. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, St. Rita, FFA, FFA, Spanish, and F-Club. She attends Mu Alpha Theta. Her most embarrassing moment was when she acted as school mascot (Elbie) and her head fell off at the Elba Luverne Football game.

**Marsha Mauldin** is the daughter of Chippe and Sue Mauldin. Her hobbies include playing the piano, dancing, and singing. She is a member of Basin Baptist Church and Girl Scouts. The thing she likes most about EHS is the student body.

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 Friday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.

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 Monday - Holiday.  
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 Wednesday - Pizza, Green Salad, Buttered Corn, Apple Sauce, Milk.  
 Thursday - Hamburger or Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Baked Beans, Potato Tots, Orange Slice, Milk.  
 Friday - Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Peach Half, Rolls, Milk.

## Question Of The Week

by Wyndi Baker and Jill Martin

This week we asked the question: Do you think there are too many talk shows?

**Raeann McCollough** - Not enough because all the shows have the same thing.

**Melissa Grantham** - There are never enough.

**Connie Cooper** - Yes. Because they all have the same trashy thing.

**Mr. Baker** - Yes, they promote negative ideas and opinions.

**Alka Waters** - No. They keep up with what's going on.

**Regina Austin** - No. I like all the talk shows.

**Jarrod Addison** - Yes. They all have low intellectual topics.

## Counselor's Corner

by Melissa Hall

The Ft. Rucker Officer's Wives Club will be awarding scholarship grants to qualified graduating high school seniors of 1996. The scholarship may be used at the school of one's choice. All applications must be postmarked no later than March 9, 1996. See Mr. Carley for eligibility requirements and application.

The Corner Foundation of Sylacauga, Alabama provides the College of

Arts and Science at the University of Alabama with two scholarships to the Departments of English and Mathematics. Each scholarship is for four years and the amount will be \$3,000 per year, the total not to exceed \$12,000. The deadline for submission of applications for the 1996-97 academic year is March 1, 1996. See Mr. Carley for further details and applications.

## An Orlando Summer

by Anna Stokes

With the beginning of the new year behind us, we can safely recollect all the memorable times of 1995. For some, 1995 was full of surprises. For others, the year brought trials and tribulations. But for three students from Elba High, the summer of 1995 was one exciting summer they will never forget.

It all began on July 5. While Elizabeth Strong and Anna Stokes were just starting to pack their bags, Elena Strong was already on her way to the beautiful city of Orlando, Florida. These students had anxiously awaited the trip for months. They knew it would be an opportunity to visit old friends, travel to a new place, and represent not only their school, but also their state as delegates at the 1995 NSSP Conference.

Earlier in the year, Elena had been chosen to serve as a RA (resident advisor) at the conference. She was flown down two days in advance to receive special training for the upcoming week. Elizabeth and Anna arrived in Orlando on July 7, eager to begin the week's events. The three students were housed at the University of Central Florida where the conference was held.

This year's NSSP (National Student Safety Program) Conference focused on



Pictured above are Elizabeth Strong and Anna Stokes.

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

by Marsha Tillis and Jarrod Addison

**Angie Parrish** is the daughter of Mike Parrish and Debbie Holley. She is a member of VICA and Girl Scout Troup #300. Angie enjoys swimming, playing golf, and being with her family and friends. She attends the First Baptist Church of Elba. After high school Angie plans to attend Troy State University.

**Regina Austin** is the daughter of Charles and Annie Austin. She is an active member of Mu Alpha Theta, VICA, FBLA, and the Student Council. Regina attends Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church. After high school she plans to attend college.

**Lamella Smith** is the daughter of Emma Smith. She is a member of FBLA and VICA. Lamella enjoys singing and attends Harris Temple C.O.C.I.G. After high school she plans to attend college.



Pictured above are: (center) Angie Parrish; (back, l to r) Lamella Smith, Regina Austin, and Eddie Cowen.

## \* \* Miss Elbala Pageant \* \*

by Jenny Ross

This year's annual Miss Elbala pageant will be held Saturday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. The pageant this year will be in the theme of Mardi Gras, and is expected to be very competitive and exciting. The admission for the pageant will be four dollars. All are invited to attend.



Pictured above are the Miss Elbala contestants.



Pictured above are the Jr. Miss Elbala contestants.



ELBA HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES...Enterprise State Junior College recently hosted its annual conference for Leadership Development for area high school club/organization officers. The conference program covered such topics as leadership qualities, creative ideas, time management, and public speaking. Attending from Elba High School were (l to r) Melissa Benbow, Anna Stokes, Elizabeth Strong, and Rhonda Little.

## ZC's After School Tutorial Program

by Susan Bryan

Dr. Linda Ingram and the Zion Chapel Beta Club have begun an after school tutorial program for the sixth and seventh grade middle school students. This program will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. There will be one hour of study every Wednesday afternoon followed by some sort of recreational activity. The first session of this program was held Wednesday, January 3, with 33 sixth and seventh graders in attendance. Susan Bryan, Angie Jirigitt, Heather Vaughan, and Hanna Whit were the Beta Club members who tutored. Dr. Linda Ingram is very proud of the program's attendance and is excited about its success.



## Beauty Pageant Set For Jan. 20th

by Amy Jackson & Celeste Richards

The Zion Chapel annual staff will host the 23 annual Campus Beauty Pageant on January 20, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. Any girl in grades K-12 may participate. Girls in K-3 should wear peasant dresses. Girls in 4-6 should wear Sunday dresses. Girls in 7-9 should wear Sunday dresses. Girls in grades 10-12 should wear evening gowns.

Girls in grades 4-9 should not wear a dress that is decorated with sequins or that could be considered in any manner, a cocktail dress or party dress. Girls who wear these types of dresses will be disqualified. Dress qualification will be left up to the discretion of the members of the annual staff and their sponsor.

Winners in each division will be awarded a crown, a flower, and a trophy. Runners up in each division will be awarded flowers and a trophy.

Admission at the door will be \$4. Proceeds go toward the financing of the yearbook.

If you plan to participate in the Campus Beauty Pageant, please return your entry form with an entry fee of \$15 by January 10, 1996.

## Students Study Pioneers & Indians



Pictured above are fourth grade students at ZC wearing the paper vests they created during their study of the pioneer and Indian life period.



PATRICK CHILDERS

ZION CHAPEL REPRESENTATIVES...Enterprise State Junior College recently hosted its annual Conference for Leadership Development for area high school club/organization officers. The conference program covered such topics as leadership qualities, creative ideas, time management, and public speaking. Attending from Zion Chapel High School were (l to r) Ginghr Ambre, Sabrina Stokes, Cora Hughes, and school advisor Marcus Howell.

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## Senior Band Members Receive Shirts

by Shay Nelson

The senior members of the Zion Chapel "Rebel" Band were given senior band shirts at the Christmas concert. There are four seniors: Amy Jackson, Shay Nelson, Celeste Richards, and Becki Saville. Amy is percussion captain and has been in the band for eight years. She has played many percussion instruments including the snare, quad, and cymbals. Amy is the daughter of Ray and Gale Jackson.

Shay is the drum major and has been in the band for five years. She has played the trumpet and baritone. She is the daughter of Paul and Sheila Nelson.

Celeste is band captain and has been in the band for eight years. She has played bells and xylophone. Celeste is the daughter of Monroe and Winnie Richards.

Becki is co-squad leader and has been in the band for two years. She has played tuba and trombone. Becki is the daughter of William and Sandra Saville.

The shirts given to the seniors were white sweatshirts with the Zion Chapel Rebel Band logo on the front along with the saying Senior '96. On the back, each senior had their name.

The concert was a Christmas concert for the parents of the members. The concert included Christmas songs such as *Stand By Me*, *Oh Holy Night*, and *Christmas Serenade*. The concert was the first time the jazz band had ever played in public. The jazz

Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Shay Nelson and Celeste Richards; back row - Becki Saville and Amy Jackson.

## Rebel Hoopsters Win Tournament

by Steve Hodge

The Zion Chapel boys varsity team came home victorious from the C.W. Long Christmas Tournament after defeating the host Rebels and the Cottonwood Bears. The Rebels defeated Skipper Friday night 64-54. Andre Flowers with 13 points and Steve Hodge with 12 points were the leading scorers for Zion Chapel. Saturday night's victory came with more tension with the Cottonwood Bears taking an early lead. The Rebels were not discouraged, however, and came back to win 74-42. Andre Flowers and Steve Hodge were once again leading scorers. They teamed up to contribute 43 of the 74 points scored by the Rebels.

## Coffee County Schools Menu

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 Wednesday - Oven Fried Chicken or Roast Beef Sandwich, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli, Rolls, Fruit, Milk.  
 Thursday - Fish or Barbecue Sandwich, English Peas, Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese-Bonaf, Fruit, Milk.  
 Friday - Biscuits, Sausage, Corn on Cob, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Pickles, Fruit, Milk.

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularg, Sports Editor

We had two dogs for over a year, and while the dogs did get along, they were very jealous of any affection shown by the kids and were especially protective of their food and water dishes. The older of the dogs died last spring, but the younger one is still protective of her food and water, and still covers up her food dish and water dish with leaves after she gets through. I knew that dogs would bury bones and food, but it seems a little strange for a dog to cover up its water!

### ELBA TIGERS MIXED IN FOUR-GAME LOSING STREAK

The Elba Tigers got off to fast 4-1 start this season in basketball and many area fans thought this year's team might have a shot at making it to the state tournament. The fast start was indeed exciting; however, since then the Tigers have gone 0-4, and last week saw their record dip to 4-5 with a loss at Florida, a team they had already defeated earlier in the season. One fan told me over the weekend that something was wrong, and he may be right, but the losses aren't the result of a lack of hard work. I watched practice last Friday afternoon and couldn't believe how hard the players worked during a strenuous two-hour work-out. The practice was practically non-stop for everyone on both the varsity and B team, and I felt the practice convinced that Florida would suffer the consequences of the hard work and determination shown by the players. The loss Saturday night certainly wasn't what the players and coach wanted, and you can bet the practices will be even more strenuous this week as the team tries to work out its problems. The Tigers weren't as good as you thought after their 4-1 start, and aren't as good as you may think after suffering through four straight losses. Look out, these Tigers are getting mighty hungry!

### AREA TEAMS HAVE MIXED SUCCESS DURING WEEK

The week after the long holiday break often results in some mixed results on the basketball court, and that was certainly the case again this year as New Brockton, Kinston and Zion Chapel all suffered losses, while Brantley posted two rather lackluster wins. Here's a look back...

**\*NEW BROCKTON (9-6)** was very impressive Thursday night in its big win over 3A Elba, but then traveled over to Straughn Friday night and were upset by the 3-9 Tigers. The Gamecocks are now at full-strength for the first time this season and need to start hitting their stride pretty soon if they hope to peak by tournament time. Unless I miss my guess, New Brockton may be one of the best teams around by the end of the regular season.

**\*ZION CHAPEL (3-6)** was looking for big things in last week's SCAC tournament after winning the G.W. Long Christmas Tournament, but could never get cranked up against the slowdown tactics of Arton and lost in the first round. The Rebels haven't really figured out quite yet what kind of team they want to be, but when they do, the wins should come around much more often.

**\*KINSTON (7-8)** continued to be impressive, even in defeat, as the Bulldogs battled powerful Geneva County down to the wire before dropping a close decision. The Bulldogs have more than enough tools with which to build a winner, it just seems like every time they get close to getting everything in place, something else goes wrong. Don't let their record fool ya, Kinston can beat anybody on any given night.

**\*BRANTLEY (7-2)** posted two easy wins over lesser opponents last week after failing to Goshen for the second time this season in the SEAC tourney, and it looks like the Bulldogs are still trying to find just the right combination that could lead them to another state tourney. Brantley does have a couple of obvious holes to fill, but Coach Stallworth is being patient and knows that the real fun doesn't start until February.

### ALABAMA APPEARS BIG LOSER IN COACHING CHANGES

If Alabama offensive coordinator Homer Smith follows the lead of former-defensive coordinator Bill Oliver and packs his bags in Tuscaloosa, the real loser in the moves will be the Crimson Tide football program. Alabama has had one of the finest college staffs in the nation for the past several years, and most football fans felt like the Tide had the top two coordinators in the game in Smith and Oliver. It was apparent that neither assistant coach was thrilled with Bama head coach Gene Stallings, and the rumbles had been heard all season long that if Stallings returned next season the two assistants would leave. The Tide is fortunate that assistant coach Mike Dubose can step in and lead the defense without a noticeable drop off, and some Bama fans have said all along that the Tide doesn't need an offensive coordinator anyway, not as long as Stallings keeps a tight leash on his top offensive assistant. If Smith and Oliver weren't happy at Alabama they need to head on, but I'm not convinced that the change that is needed most is the one that won't happen anytime soon.

### NOTES IN CLOSING...

\*The 1996 Fiesta Bowl once again reminded all of us that major sporting events are nothing more than commercials, with little sports thrown in to keep us in front of the TV. I had been looking forward to the game for weeks and expected a great game, but I didn't even watch all four quarters, and the score had nothing to do with my decision. I simply don't think a football game should last four hours, and know that three-minute commercials have no place in the middle of a drive. I quit attending televised games years ago due to all the time-outs for commercials, and if the Fiesta Bowl is a peak at the future, I might simply quit watching games on TV, too!

\*Saturday was a real treat for all state basketball fans as Troy State, Auburn and Alabama were all on the tube. I missed the Troy State game and slept through the Auburn game, but did watch a little of the Alabama game before turning off the massacre. Many times there is nothing to watch on TV; however, Saturday was an exception, and maybe the beginning of more great sports weekends.

\*The Coffee County Junior High Basketball Tournament is being held this week in Elba, and I hope fans of all the county schools will come out and support this outstanding event. The tourney was started years ago by the Elba Athletic Club after the state abolished its state junior high tourney, and it has been a tournament all junior high fans have looked forward to ever since. C'mon out Saturday morning and watch the finals, you'll enjoy it.

\*It may be a little hard to believe with the temperatures in the 30's, but baseball and softball practice is scheduled to start across the state on Jan. 22, and both sports will begin their seasons in early February. All the sports run into each other at the high school level, and always will, until the state finally wises up and puts an end to spring football practice.

### WEEKLY WIREGRASS PREP POLL

I made as big a mess of last week's Clipper Poll as the statewide sports-writers have this season, but now feel things are back to normal, the poll should give credit where it is really due. Here is this week's edition of the poll, new and improved...

CLASS 6A - 1. Dothan, 2. Enterprise, 3. Northview  
CLASS 5A - 1. Andalusia, 2. Eufrasia, 3. Greenville  
CLASS 4A - 1. Daleville, 2. Abbeville, 3. Pike County  
CLASS 3A - 1. Louisville, 2. Luverne, 3. Rehoboth  
CLASS 2A - 1. Goshen, 2. Clayton, 3. Geneva County  
CLASS 1A - 1. Houston Academy, 2. New Brockton, 3. Kinston

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## Tigers ripped by Gamecocks 82-64

# Elba Tigers continue to tumble

The Elba Tigers saw their losing streak reach three games Thursday night as the New Brockton Gamecocks pulled away late to club the Tigers 82-64, in New Brockton.

The loss left the Tigers with a 4-4 record, while New Brockton im-

proved to 9-5 with the win.

Elba scored first in the cross-country battle on a lay-up by Chris Tyson, but the Gamecocks were also ready to rumble and reeled off the next six points to grab a 6-2 lead with 6:13 left in the opening stanza.

The Tigers regained the lead at 8-7 with 2:39 left in the stanza on a basket by Michael Reed, and opened up a 16-13 lead late in the quarter after Reed hit a pair of free-throws and Chris Tyson followed with a short jumper.

New Brockton moved back on top 19-18 with 6:56 remaining in the second quarter on two quick baskets by Reuben Moguel, only to see Elba again rally and take a 26-23 lead with 5:46 left on the clock on a driving lay-up by Chris Tyson. Back-to-back three-pointers by the Gamecocks' Chris Flowers and Scott Hughes sparked an 8-0 run that put New Brockton on top 31-26 with 3:44 left in the half; however, the Tigers once again rallied and this time went on a 9-2 run to regain the lead at 35-33 with 2:16 left in the half.

The Elba run was sparked by Larry Rayborn, who scored five straight points and made two key steals.

New Brockton went back on top in the see-saw affair 40-38 by the end of the half, and opened up its biggest lead of the night at 51-44 on a three-pointer by Robert Fleming with 5:11 left in the third quarter.

A Larry Rayborn jumper cut the Gamecocks' lead to 51-48 midway through the quarter, but New Brockton closed the quarter on a run and went into the final stanza with a 59-52 advantage.

Elba's Loretta Wilkerson scored early in the fourth quarter to pull the Tigers within 59-54, but New Brockton promptly went on a 10-3 run and with 3:45 left on the clock the Gamecocks were in command with a 69-57 lead.

A Chris Tyson three-point shot cut the deficit to 69-60 with 3:29 left in the game; however, it was the final points the Tigers would score from the field, as New Brockton closed the game with a 13-4 spurt to claim the 82-64 win.

Chris Tyson scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Brian Rowe added 18 and Michael Reed scored 12. Reuben Moguel scored 18 points to lead New Brockton and Kareem Harris added 15.

NB (57): Lewis 5, Toole 10, Harrison 13, McKenzie 8, Cole 9, Jones 10, Hughes 2.

Elba (52): Coleman 8, Creel 2, Reed 2, Allen 10, Ware 24, Stinson 2, Saller 2.

NB (82): Fleming 8, Barr 14, Elb 16 22 14 12 - 64

NB 15 25 19 23 - 82

## Coffee County Junior High Tourney underway in Elba

The Coffee County Junior High Basketball Tournament is being held this week in Elba, with the fi-

## Brantley & New Brockton ranked high in weekly ASWA prep poll

The Alabama Sportswriters Association continued its weekly "Prep Basketball Poll" last week and included in the Top 10 in the various classes were eight area teams.

Following are the "Top 5" teams in each class, along with area teams that made the poll:

CLASS 6A  
1-Jeff Davis  
2-West End  
3-Central, Phenix City  
4-Satsuma  
5-Huntsville

CLASS 5A  
1-Boaz  
2-Alberville  
3-Andalusia  
4-Ramsey  
5-B.C. Rain  
6-Buflala

CLASS 4A  
1-Alexandria  
2-Central, Coosa  
3-Deshler  
4-Jacksonville  
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nal set for Saturday afternoon at the Elba High School gym.

The tournament began on Monday in both the 8th and 9th grade divisions, with four games on tap, and will continue tonight (Thursday) and Saturday, with four games being played on both days.

In 8th grade action Thursday, New Brockton will meet the Kinston-Enterprise Junior winner at 4:00, while at 6:45 it will be Elba opposing the winner of the Zion Chapel-Dauphin contest.

Ninth grade action Thursday night will find New Brockton meeting the Kinston-Enterprise Junior winner at 5:15, while at 8:00 the loser of the Kinston-Enterprise Junior game will meet the loser of the Elba-Dauphin game.

Tournament action on Saturday will find the 8th grade consolation game at 11:00 and the 9th grade consolation game at 12:15, with the county championship games set for 1:45 (8th grade) and 3:00 (9th grade).

Admission to the games will be \$3 per person.

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Flowers 12, Harris 15, C. Hughes 2, Moguel 18, S. Hughes 11.

Elba (64): Marler 4, Tyson 19, Rowe 18, Wilkerson 6, Rayborn 5, Reed 12.

### (B GAME)

The New Brockton B team pulled away in the fourth quarter to post a 60-51 win.

Elba jumped out to a 16-10 first quarter lead and led 28-21 at the half, but the Gamecocks poured in 40 points in the second half and outscored the Tigers 20-11 in the fourth quarter to claim the win.

Marcus Siler scored 26 points to lead Elba.

NB (60): Allums 10, Lunsford 3, Holloman 15, Flowers 4, Evans 9, Haynes 13, Newsum 7.

Elba (51): Davis 11, Robinson 6, Siler 26, Peterson 8.

### (LR GAME)

The Elba Junior High Tigers led all the way to claim a 31-21 win over New Brockton Junior.

The Tigers jumped out to a 10-5 first quarter lead and stretched their lead to 27-14 by the end of the third quarter, before coasting in with the win.

Derrick Duncan scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Robby Kinsaul led New Brockton with 10.

Elba (31): Jordan 8, Wicker 6, Mitchell 6, Duncan 9, Murdoch 2.

NB (21): Kelley 4, Kinsaul 10, Burns 5, Moore 4.

### (8TH GRADE GAME)

The Elba 8th graders fell behind in the first half and could never catch-up as New Brockton posted a 57-52 win.

The Gamecocks lit-up the scoreboard in the opening two quarters and went in at the half with a 37-27 lead, then held off a late Elba rally to take the win.

Tim Ware scored 24 points and Andrea Allen added 10 to lead Elba, while Pate Harrison scored 13 to lead New Brockton, and Danny Toole and Maurice Jones both added 10.

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Kinston's Allen Bowdoin (45) and Richard Chamblee (33) soar to pull down a rebound in recent Bulldog action.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

### Thursday, Jan. 11

New Brockton at G.W. Long

### Friday, Jan. 12

Elba at Luverne

McKenzie at Zion Chapel

G.W. Long at Kinston

Pleasant Home at New Brockton

Highland Home at Brantley

### Saturday, Jan. 13

Brantley at J.F. Shields

### Tuesday, Jan. 16

Louisville at Elba

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New Brockton at Kinston

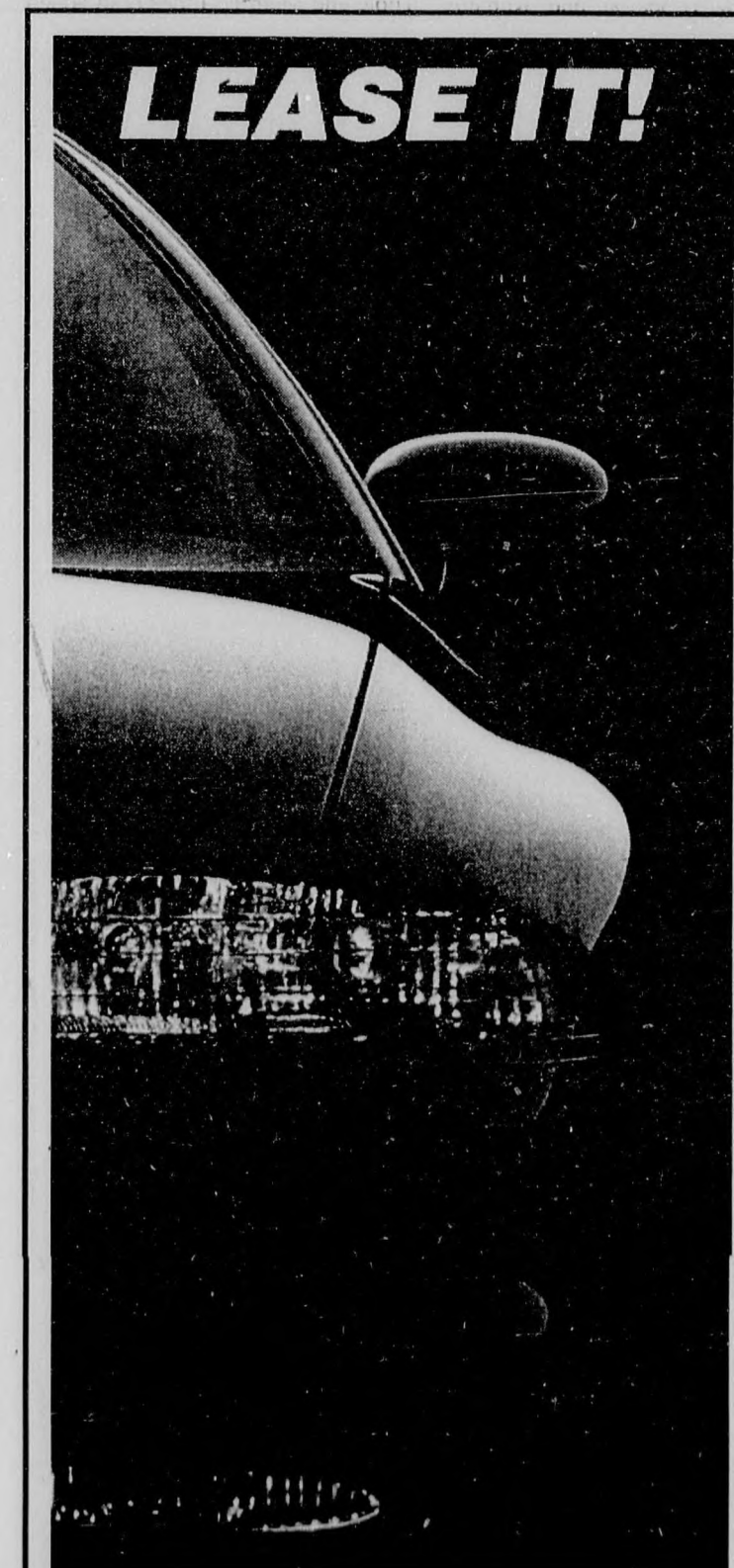
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JOHN SIMS killed this 250-pound, six-point, buck while hunting on Dec. 28, with the Coffee County Hunters and Fish-eries Club, of Elba.

## Plenty of action & points as Youth Basketball League opens season

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation opened its 1996 "Youth Basketball League" season last weekend with four games being played.

Following are highlights of the four opening week contests:

### SIXERS 29 SONICS 21

The Sixers used a big second quarter to grab the lead and then held on to post a 29-21 win over the Sonics. The Sixers trailed 9-4 after one quarter, but outscored the Sonics 14-2 in the second quarter to bag an 18-11 halftime lead and then held on for the win.

Scoring for the Sixers were Channing Hooks 11, Jason Curran 6, Brandon Wilson 6, Matthew Curran 4 and Blake Lambert 2.

Scoring for the Sonics were Justin Allen 6, Clark Skinner 4, Joseph Falls 4, Colby Capps 3, Colby Skinner 2.

Scoring for the Heat were Terrence Kyles 13, Matthew Reed 12, Bart Barnes 4, Zel Daniels 4, Aryan Stoudemire 3 and Julius Smith 2.

Scoring for the Rockets were Alan Head 10, Shawn Smart 6 and D. Sully 2.

NETS 30 MAY'S 28

The Nets pulled away late in the game and held on to nip the Mavericks 30-28. The score was tied at 10-10 at the half and 18-18 after three quarters, but the Nets rallied late to take the win.

Scoring for the Nets were Josh Moultrie 16, Brian Brunson 6, Larry Conely 6 and D. Burks 2.

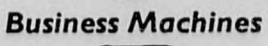
Scoring for the Mavericks were Derrick Brooks 17, Jonathan Barton 5, Will Farris 4 and Cole Davis 2.

Remarkably, according to the National Commission on Student Financial Aid, over \$6 billion of funding goes uncollected each year simply because people do not apply for it. Now, through the assistance of the National Academic Funding Administration (NAFA), an expanded publication for 1995-96 is available which spells out the changes and guidelines for financial aid.

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# Coffee County Extension Service News

## Ideas for cleanup of dinnerware

by Angela Hughes, County Agent

Mealtime is often the center of holiday activities. It's a time when fine china, crystal and silver flatware make their appearance to make meals special and festive. However, after the meal, someone has to clean up. But is it safe to put fine china, crystal and silver flatware in the dishwasher?

It depends entirely on the specific china, crystal and silver in question. Fine china manufactured since the arrival of automatic dishwashers is generally dishwasher safe. In current manufacturing processes, the patterns and any gold and platinum trims are applied under the glaze and are protected by an overglaze. Check with the retailer or manufacturer if you aren't sure whether your newer china is dishwasher safe.

Do not put antique or hand-painted dinnerware in a dishwasher. Their patterns and trims can be removed by the alkaline dishwasher detergents. If you don't know the age and/or manufacturing process used on your china, wash one dish for several weeks. If you notice a color change when comparing it to the rest of the set, dishwasher washing isn't recommended.

Most recently manufactured crystal is also dishwasher safe. Again,

however, antique or very delicate, lightweight crystal, as well as silverware with gold or platinum decorations, should not be washed in the dishwasher.

You can safely wash all silver flatware in a dishwasher, except old-fashioned knives, which may come loose. Avoid overloading the silverware basket so that all dishwasher detergent is rinsed from the silver. If a black tarnish occurs from detergent remaining on the set silver, remove the tarnish with silver polish.

Use a shorter wash cycle for fine china and crystal. If your dishwasher does not feature a short wash cycle or if the load is heavily soiled, a regular cycle may be used without damaging effects. With your water hardness as a guideline, use the amount of dishwasher detergent recommended in your dishwasher's user's guide. The recommended water temperature of 140°F is appropriate.

Put a rinse additive to help prevent water spotting and improve drying on china and crystal. The water sheets off quickly, resulting in china, crystal and silver that is shiny, bright and a welcome sight during the holidays.

## The Alabama Cooperative Extension Service

## Fair Credit Billing Act protects customers

by George Tabb, County Agent

Using credit sometimes seems like magic. It lets you have things today and pay for them later. Most families use some form of credit to pay for many everyday things and activities like gasoline, clothing, household goods, eating out, and staying overnight at a motel.

Problems do occur, however, in billing statements. For example, Joe Doe came home from work to find his wife in a rage. The credit card bill had arrived and a charge of \$129.00 was for entertainment at a famous night club in a distant city. Mr. Doe had to spend much time and effort assuring his wife that a mistake had been made on the bill and that he had not entertained anyone at that club.

In an attempt to make it easier for consumers to correct errors such as these, Congress has passed the Fair Credit Billing Act. It is intended to protect consumers against inaccurate and unfair credit billing and credit card practices. The Fair Credit Billing Act applies only to open-end credit plans. Open-end credit refers to accounts where new charges can be added before the old ones are paid off. It includes all credit card purchases and most other types of revolving credit such as overdraft checking. The act does not apply to installment loans which are paid according to a set schedule of payments.

Under the Fair Credit Billing Act, creditors offering open-end credit must:

1. Post your payments to your account the day the payments are received. This will prevent increases in finance charges after you have paid the bill.
2. Mail you a bill at least 14 days before payment is due if they assess charges on unpaid amounts after a charge.
3. Mail to you at least twice each year an explanation of your rights under this law.
4. Promptly credit any refunds or

returned merchandise to your account.

5. Not offset your credit card debts with money they hold on deposit, such as from your checking account or saving account, unless you have previously authorized that this be done periodically as a method of payment.

6. Promptly credit any overpayment and, if requested, promptly refund it.

7. Allow merchants who accept their credit cards to grant discounts to customers using cash instead of credit card.

8. Follow a certain procedure in resolving any complaint you make about a billing error.

**Your Responsibility**

The Fair Credit Billing Act requires the creditor to promptly correct any billing errors. If you think there is a mistake or you just need more information about your bill, you must take the following steps to preserve your rights under the law:

1. Do not cancel on the bill. On a separate sheet of paper, write a letter including the following:

- a. Your name, account number, and address.
- b. A description of the error and why you believe it is an error.
- c. The amount of money you think is wrong.

d. Any other information which you think will help the creditor to identify you or the reason for your complaint or inquiry. Do not send your original copy of a sales slip or other document. Send a duplicate copy and keep the original for your records.

2. Send your letter to the address on your bill which is listed after the words "Send Inquiries to." Mail it as soon as you can. It must reach the creditor within 60 days after the bill was mailed to you.

3. Pay the part of the bill that you know is not wrong.

**Enforcement**

## Research questions use of chromium in diets

by Sandra Coffey, County Agent

Chromium promotion in diets as a supplement is being used widely throughout the Wiregrass. It appears to be worth its cost in weight loss promotion.

The following article was provided by Dr. Barbara Struempfer, PhD, Extension Nutritionist and recommended as valid nutrition information. Source: "Spotlight on Food."

If you're not a diabetic, a growing pig or a weightlifter, there is not much research to support the value of chromium in diets. Chromium is a trace mineral, a form of the mineral, chromium, is found in foods such as whole wheat, meat, and oranges. Chromium is required for normal fat and carbohydrate metabolism. It is also a cofactor for insulin. Biologically active chromium is called the "glucose tolerance factor."

Some claims theorize that extra chromium helps reduce body fat by enhancing the efficiency of insulin, the hormone that regulates blood sugar and affects carbohydrates and fat metabolism. Proponents also claim chromium helps build muscle mass and turns off hunger signals. In reality, this is not true. In a handful of studies, subjects taking chromium supplements have decreased their body fat significantly. But, the studies have been criticized for poor protocol. The more current, better-controlled studies that replicated the earlier studies have not shown any benefit.

Studies involving athletes have shown an increase in lean body mass and therefore lower body fat percentage. However, the use of chromium supplements. But these studies were done on weightlifters and football players, not people who are overweight and sedentary.

Another study found no effect of chromium on strength gain or body composition in men supplemented with chromium who did one hour of weight training five days a week for eight weeks.

One research study examined muscle mass in growing pigs supplemented with chromium picolinate. Loin eye muscle increased and fat on the ribs decreased. But pigs aren't people and growing animals are not mature animals.

Twelve studies show that chromium supplementation may improve

glucose tolerance in people with marginal chromium status. Insulin is more effective in the presence of chromium. Other research shows that (depending on the initial chromium status of the individual) high density lipoprotein (HDL-C) increases and low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) and total cholesterol decrease with chromium supplementation.

No other research is currently available, especially for chromium in relation to weight loss. The estimated safe and adequate daily intake of chromium (ESADDI) is 50-200 micrograms/day. One study found that 90% of a sample of people were eating diets below the ESADDI for chromium.

For most people, supplements will have no weight-loss or muscle-gain effect, because the body needs only a certain amount of chromium. The more chromium a person consumes, the less it is absorbed by the body. There is a wide margin of safety between amounts normally consumed and those considered to be harmful.

## Shopping safety tips

\*Stay alert and walk with a purpose. Don't daydream or look frightened and unsure.

\*Never flash your money.

\*Carry only what you need.

\*Shop with a companion whenever possible.

\*Walk in well-lit areas.

\*Walk in the middle of sidewalk, away from buildings and curbs.

\*Whenever possible, vary your route.

\*Be cautious talking to strangers.

\*Don't take shortcuts through vacant lots.

\*Never let a purse dangle. Hold it close to your body.

\*If you are being harassed, turn and walk in the opposite direction.

\*Don't stop to give directions to a stranger or driver. If you do, make sure you maintain enough distance so that you can't be grabbed.

\*Avoid using isolated automatic teller machines, especially at night.

The Federal Trade Commission enforces the Fair Credit Billing Act for almost all open-end creditors except commercial banks. Enforcement for most bank credit cards is through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Questions by Alabamians must be made to the Atlanta regional offices for both agencies.

These agencies will not represent you in your private dispute, but information from consumers about their experiences and concerns is vital to them in enforcing the Fair Credit Billing Act. You can, however, sue creditors for violation of your rights.

If you have questions or concerns please call the Coffee County Extension Service, maybe we can help.

The Elba City School Board members heard good news last Thursday in their regular January meeting.

Results from the High School Basic Skills Exit Exam (the graduation exam) shows Elba students grading a full ten points above the state average in all three categories, reading, mathematics and language.

School administrators had been concerned because this group of 11th graders scored low on achievement tests last year. Superintendent Charles Pearce was asked to explain the turnaround.

He said teachers and administrators were excited but not sure why the dramatic improvement happened. "Maybe it was a challenge, maybe it is because this lets them leave school with a valid diploma."

Pearce was slow to give credit to anything the school was doing. "Because it would mean we were fully responsible when a group comes in with low scores. He continued to say that it is often hard to explain a group of high scores as well as a group of low scores. "However, someone must be doing something right for our students to score this well on a standardized test," Pearce said. He added, "I personally give our teachers full credit."

The Elba students also outscored each of the other 26 schools in their "cluster," (35) which includes Troy, Geneva, Ozark, Demopolis, Russellville, Sylacauga, Tusculum, Geneva County, Henry County, Madison County, to name a few. Only Daleville City matched Elba in reading with a score of 96.

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mathematics, compared to the state average of 82; and 88 on the language, compared to the average of 78. Scores at some schools within the cluster were as low as 60 in language, 68 in math and 76 in reading.

Board members were told students would be taking a new Stanford Achievement Test in April. Mr. Pearce said the state average the new test gets away from the true false answers and test the students on comprehension or "thinking skills" in every subject area.

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